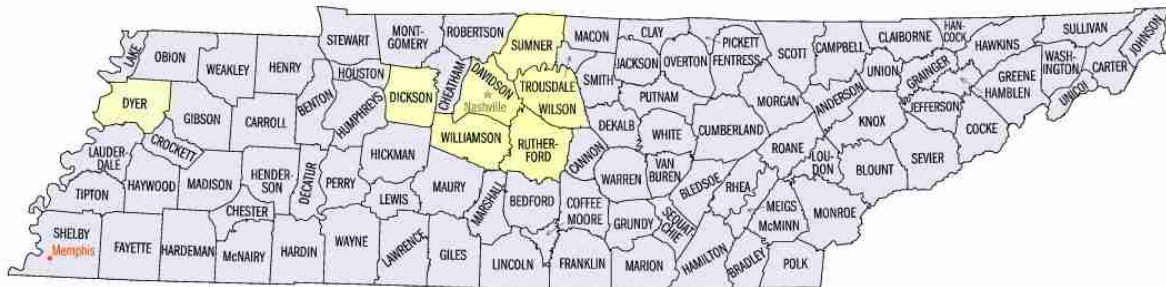


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- George Hamilton Family – North Carolina to Tennessee
- (Henry) Barnes Family in Virginia and Middle Tennessee
- Hagar-Hager Families in Tennessee and North Carolina
- Bradford, Alloway, Hughes and Hagar Families
- Jenkins Families of Middle Tennessee (2006)

Her Gleaves ancestry is as follows:

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- Mathew Gleaves and Esther Mitchell
- William Benjamin Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk
- Thomas Harvey Gleaves and Sally Smith
- James Robertson Gleaves and Elizabeth ‘Eliza’ Wood
- Martha Ann Virginia Gleaves and Henry Thomas Jenkins
- Samuel Houston Jenkins and Mary Jane Halsie Hamilton
- Nova Z. Jenkins and Emmett Guill Hagar
- Hilda H. Hagar Barnes

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Her Gleaves ancestry is as follows:

Thomas Gleaves and ‘unknown’
Mathew Gleaves and Esther Mitchell
William Benjamin Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk
James Turk Gleaves and Malvina Crockett
Samuel Crockett Gleaves and Maria Crockett
Charles Wythe Gleaves and Laura Keene
Anna Maria Gleaves and John Robert Rich
Anna Bob Rich and James V. Sampsel, Jr.
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Her Gleaves ancestry is as follows:

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William Benjamin Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk
Thomas Harvey Gleaves and Sally Smith
James Robertson Gleaves and Elizabeth ‘Eliza’ Wood
Thomas Wood Gleaves and Sally Owen
John Thomas Gleaves and Luella Carver
Claude R. Gleaves and Delma Fuqua
Frances ‘Fran’ Gleaves Nichols

Her notes are indicated by **FGN** in the footnotes.

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THE GLEAVES FAMILY

Much has already been written about the Gleaves Family. Dennis Glaves, a Vietnam Veteran, has meticulously compiled a book '**The Descendants of Matthew Glave – the Glaves/Gleaves Family in America**'. For more on this work refer to the Gleaves Family Association website found at www.GleavesFamily.com.

This is an incomplete record of this family...researched by this writer over the past several years. Due to writer's age, no further research is to be made.

Dr. E. L. Gleaves' letter of June 2, 1925, detailing information relayed to him by J. Miller Turner, deceased, was the first of the records accumulated over the years.¹

LETTER of JUNE 2, 1925² (by J. MILLER TURNER ...facts from Dr. Edgar Lee Gleaves³)

The original family by the name of **GLEAVES** came from Willingham⁴, England to America the exact date being unknown. Several years prior to the Colonial War, they settled in Virginia near Roanoke, where several descendants still live. The first one of the family to come to Tennessee was **MIKE GLEAVES₁**⁵ (**MICHAEL**) who came to the Boone Settlement in Northern Kentucky, from there to Mansker's Fort situated about 14 miles north of what is now Nashville, Tennessee. The Fort was built in the fork of a stockade on Mansker's Creek at a large spring on what is now the boundary line between Davidson & Sumner Counties, about one and one-half miles northeast of Cumberland River. This settlement was under the command of Captain Donelson. There was also at this fort a Dr. Sam Johnson, noted frontiersman of that date. **MIKE GLEAVES₁** at that time entered the Colonial Army and fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780, after which he returned to Fort Mansker with his 2 negro servants and there married a lady named **RACHEL**, last name unknown to the writer. This

¹ Letter sent by **William W. Gleaves** of Eugene, Oregon on July 11, 1984, to **Robert M. Allen**. June Novick of Ocala, Fla. sent a copy to **Hilda H. Barnes (HHB)** in April 1999 and she re-copied it in April 1999 with some additions noted. All routes this letter has taken are not documented.

² Written June 2, 1925 by **J. Miller Turner**, deceased, as related to the writer, **Dr. E. L. Gleaves**. A few amendments were made in Jan. 1932 and 1952.

³ Dr. E. L. Gleaves' full name is: Edgar Lee Gleaves, the eldest child of William Michael Gleaves₄ and Sallie Moore Sarver: His siblings: Walter Morton; Warner Settle; Addie Dean; Sallie; William E.

⁴ corrected Dillingham to Willingham, England

⁵ Numbers have been arbitrarily assigned to those with same or similar names in this letter by HHB:

Matthew Gleaves₁ (1720-1760) – father of William. B.; Michael₁ and Matthew₂

Matthew Gleaves₂ (1757-58-ca 1800) – Son of Matthew₁

Matthew Gleaves₃ (1772-1804) – Son of William Benjamin Gleaves

Matthew Gleaves₄ (1793-1835) – Son of Michael Gleaves₁

Michael Gleaves₁ (1754-1811) – Son of Matthew Gleaves₁

Michael Gleaves₂ (bef.1791-1834) – Son of Michael Gleaves₁

Michael H. Gleaves₃ (1810-1854) – Son of William Gleaves (1789-1840)

William Michael Gleaves₄ (1834 -1911) – Son of Michael H. Gleaves₃

Michael Henry Gleaves₅ (1855-1886) – Son of Michael H. Gleaves₃

Thomas H(arvey) Gleaves₁ (1771-1849) – Son of William Benjamin Gleaves

Thomas J. Gleaves₂ (1789-1831- Son of Michael Gleaves₁

Thomas H. Gleaves₃ (1831-1910) - Son of John G. & Elizabeth Curd Gleaves

marriage was in 1788. Of this union there were born 5 children - 4 sons and 1 daughter. All born at Fort Mansker. They were:

Thomas Gleaves₂ - 1789

Michael Gleaves₂ - 1791

Mathew Gleaves₄ - 1793

William Gleaves - 1795

given name of daughter not known - born 1797⁶

MIKE GLEAVES₁ left Fort Mansker with his family and secured land Grant No. 26 to 640 acres across the Cumberland River from Fort Mansker in what is known as the Jones-Hadley Bend, now occupied by the Powder Plant⁷, after that known as Old Hickory and being the site of the DuPont Rayon and Cellophane Plants. On this 640 acres is located the FAMILY BURYING GROUND⁸, where he and his wife are buried. He also bought 640 acres adjoining him, and at a Sheriff's sale purchased another 100 acres, giving him a total of 1300 acres. He was a wealthy man at that date. He was one of the first seven men to pay taxes in Davidson County in the year 1791. The date of his death is not known to the writer.⁹

THOMAS GLEAVES₂, son of **Mike Gleaves₁** died (age & date unknown)¹⁰, leaving 2 sons: William (A). Gleaves II, and Albert Gleaves₁. **William Gleaves II** was connected in an official capacity with the N.C. & St. L. Railroad for a number of years. He lived in a house that is built at the corner of Church St., & McNairy - now occupied by a Catholic School. He left one son, **James C. (or E.) Gleaves**, who lives on Rosebank Ave., East Nashville and who did not marry¹¹ and the other one, **Albert Gleaves₁** was a bookkeeper. The latter had 1 son and 2 daughters¹². The son, **ALBERT GLEAVES₂** entered the United States Navy. He served as an Admiral during World War I and was very successful in protecting and guarding convoys of troops from America to France. He was presented a gold sword at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee by the Mothers of Tennessee Soldiers in appreciation of his services. He is now a Rear Admiral, Retired. A bronze bust by Mrs. Belle Henry, sculptress, now stands in the State Capitol in Nashville. He resides in Washington D. C. with his wife and they have 2 daughters: **Mrs. Thomas VanMetre**¹³ and **Mrs. Albert Cohn**¹⁴. His wife is **Mrs. Evalina Heap Gleaves**¹⁵. Albert Gleaves II's two sisters, **Mrs. Corinne Eastman**,¹⁶ a widow, has 1 daughter, **Mrs. E. P. Anderson**¹⁷, wife of a Methodist preacher and bishop, who now lives in Nashville, and **Miss Fannie Gleaves**, who also lives in Nashville. **Mrs. Corinne Eastman** taught in Nashville Schools for over 49 years.

⁶ HHB believes there were 7 children with names verified by his Will of 1811, Davidson County Tenn: 5 sons & 2 daughters; others were: John Gleaves - born ?;

Elizabeth - born before 1795;

Isabella Gleaves - born 1800;

those not married are: John, Michael, Thomas and Isabella

⁷ during World War I - 1917-1919

⁸ Michael Gleaves Cemetery

⁹ HHB: his will written Feb. 13, 1811, probated Sept. 1811.

¹⁰ HHB: Thomas' estate's settlement was recorded June 10, 1833, in Davidson County Tennessee Will book 10

¹¹ HHB: Refer to 1860 Census of Davidson County #D150/405 for others

¹² correction: **Albert Gleaves₁** had 5 daughters: **Mary Eliza** (died at age 16); **Emma (Mrs. Charles Grier** of Philadelphia, Pa.), **Fanny Gleaves**, **Corinne** and **Anna** (this correction made before received by HHB

¹³ GLEAVES: Anne

¹⁴ GLEAVES: Evelina Porter (s/b Mrs. Albert Cohen)

¹⁵ s/b Mrs. Evelina Heap Gleaves

¹⁶ GLEAVES: Corinne

¹⁷ EASTMAN: Corinne Gleaves

MIKE GLEAVES₂, age unknown, died¹⁸ leaving 1 son and 3 daughters. The son, **John E. Gleaves¹⁹**, was a lawyer and served as Clerk and Master of Davidson County for a long period of time; he died leaving a widow²⁰ and 3 daughters. The widow later married a preacher by the name of Hoyte. One daughter, **Hattie**, married Richard Mason. They still live in Nashville. One daughter, **Birdosa** (?) married a Dr. E. D. (or D. E.) Patterson. Their daughter, **Nellie²¹**, married Carrol Vance. The third daughter²² married **Dr. E. B. Stevenson**, and they have 1 son, **E. B. Stevenson, Jr.** of Nashville. The eldest daughter of **Mike Gleaves₂** married her cousin, **Mike Gleaves₃**, a son of **William D. Gleaves₁**. She was the writer's grandmother. She died in 1881, age 79, and is buried at the family burying ground in Jones' Bend²³ by the side of her husband. Her name was **Mary DEAN Gleaves²⁴**. Her name was **Mary Ann Gleaves Gleaves**....note that **Thomas Gleaves** married **Mary Dean**. The second daughter of Mike Gleaves (**Sally**) married a Dr. Kimball and moved to California in 1849. Her descendants still live in Los Angeles. The third daughter of **Mike Gleaves₂** (**Sophia**) married a Mr. Young and moved to Sherman, Texas. Mr. Young helped build Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He visited the writer's home in 1879. He died, leaving 2 sons and 1 daughter, who (at last reports) still lived in Sherman, Texas.

MATTHEW GLEAVES₄²⁵ died, age unknown, leaving 3 daughters. One married a Mr. Goodletts, one a Mr. Turner and one a Mr. Williams. The latter's descendants still live in Nashville. The late **Major Albert Williams**, was a grandson.

WILLIAM GLEAVES²⁶ the fourth son of **MIKE GLEAVES₁**, died leaving 1 son, **Mike Gleaves₃** and 2 daughters²⁷. He was buried in the family burial ground in Jones' Bend²³. He was a large landowner and slave owner.

MIKE GLEAVES₃ (**Michael H.**) died about 1856²⁸, age 45, died of congestive chill, being sick only 1 day. He, too, was buried in the family ground in Jones' Bend²³. He left a widow²⁹ and 8 children. Out of 16 children born to him and wife, his living children were named:

- William Michael Gleaves₄** (the writer's father);
- George W. Gleaves;**
- Mary D. Gleaves** (married a Mr. Barton ?);
- Sophie Gleaves** (married a Mr. Grider);
- Felix Gleaves³⁰;**
- Frank D. Gleaves;**
- Clementina Gleaves** (married a Mr. McClung);
- Mike H.(Henry) Gleaves₅** (see below)

¹⁸ HHB: Jan. 24, 1834

¹⁹ GLEAVES: John Ewing

²⁰ MASSEY: Manilla Lorina

²¹ GLEAVES: Manilla F.

²² GLEAVES: Minnie

²³ Michael Gleaves Cemetery, Old Hickory, Tennessee

²⁴ HHB: correction

²⁵ He was married by 1811 per his father's will. Received land in Maury & Bedford County Tennessee

²⁶ HHB: William D

²⁷ HHB: William children: Michael H. Gleaves₃, Martha Ann Gleaves Turner and a daughter who had married a Smith. His Will names 3 "Smith" grandchildren

²⁸ HHB: His Inventory recorded in Davidson County Dec.15,1854, Will Book 15, page 432 & 435

²⁹ GLEAVES: Mary Ann D

³⁰ GLEAVES: Felix McKay

The only daughter³¹ of **MIKE GLEAVES₁** married a Mr. Carroll³² who located in Wilson County, Tennessee Her date of death is unknown. They had only 1 child, a son, who never married but when he died, he willed Vanderbilt University \$27,800.00. At his death this branch of the family ended.³³

One daughter³⁴ of **WILLIAM D. GLEAVES** married a Mr. Smith³⁵ and died leaving no children.³⁶ The other daughter³⁷ married a Mr. Turner³⁸ of Jones' Bend. She died leaving 4 sons and 2 daughters³⁹. One of the daughters married a Mr. **Abston** and they moved to Ft. Worth. The daughter who went to Ft. Worth left several children. The other daughter⁴⁰ married a **Mr. Weaver⁴¹** of Jones Bend and died leaving 1 daughter⁴², who in turn married a Mr. **Wilhoit⁴³**. One son died in Memphis, Tennessee leaving children. Another son, **Irve? Turner⁴⁴** left children; Another, **Richard⁴⁵**, died without heirs; and the other son, **J. M. Turner⁴⁶**, with whom the writer was very intimate, died in April 1925, age 87 years of Paranoia near Nashville, leaving a widow, 2 sons and 1 daughter. He owned and lived on a large farm in the Jones' Bend Section of Davidson County, Tennessee His children were **J. M. Turner, Jr; Keelin? Turner** and **Betty Hooper Turner**, all still living in Nashville.

I. **WILLIAM M. (MICHAEL) GLEAVES₄**, eldest living son of **MIKE GLEAVES₃**. He was born Nov. 4, 1834 and died in 1911, age 76 years. He married in 1861 to **Miss Sarah Moore Sarver** of Sumner County, Tenn, a daughter of Alfred Sarver. She was a grand-niece of Bishop Wm? McKendrie for whom the McKendree Methodist Church of Nashville was named. She was born 4/6/1844 died 4/14/1905. Husband & Wife are buried in the Sarver Family Burial Grounds⁴⁷, in Sumner County, Tennessee (District 17). Of this union there were born 9 children, 6 still living⁴⁸:

(Dr.) **Edgar Lee Gleaves**, born 12/4/1866;

Walter Morton Gleaves, born 4/8/1869

Warner Settle Gleaves, born 1872

Addie Dean Gleaves, born Feb. 1875

William E. Gleaves, born 4/1/1880

Sallie Gleaves, born 1883

II. **George W. Gleaves** died 1922, age 86, leaving 2 sons and 5 daughters, all still living.

III. **Mary D.** married a preacher **James Morton** & died leaving no children.

³¹ GLEAVES: Isabella

³² CARTMELL: Nathaniel

³³ correction: His daughter **Isabella Gleaves**, married **Nathaniel CARTMELL**. She died June 28, 1857 and had 8 children. **Mike Gleaves₁** named a 2nd daughter in his will of 1811 **Elizabeth Turner** who may have married Arthur Turner. They had 1 daughter by 1811.

³⁴ GLEAVES: Missouri Tennessee

³⁵ SMITH: Henry H

³⁶ HHB: William's will of 1840 lists 3 grandchildren each to receive \$500: **William W. Smith; Mary Elizabeth Smith** and **George Smith**.

³⁷ GLEAVES: Martha Ann

³⁸ TURNER: Richard Ambrose

³⁹ HHB: She died March 1885. She is listed in 1850 census in 4th District Of Davidson County as head of household...had 8 children.

⁴⁰ TURNER: Mary Ann

⁴¹ WEAVER: George Washington

⁴² WEAVER: Martha Emma

⁴³ WILHOITE: Robert Emmett

⁴⁴ E. Irving Kelly Turner

⁴⁵ TURNER: Richard Ambrose, Jr

⁴⁶ TURNER: James Miller

⁴⁷ Michael Gleaves Cemetery, Westmoreland, Tennessee

⁴⁸ Dr. Edgar Lee Gleaves is writer of this summary

IV. **Sophie Gleaves** married a Mr. **Grider** at Bowling Green, Kentucky & moved to Tex. 1877. She died leaving 2 sons & 1 daughter.

V. **Felix D. Gleaves**⁴⁹, still living, age 84, at Old Soldiers Home near Nashville. He has 1 son and 2 daughters living.

VI. **Frank D. Gleaves** - married a Miss **Olive (Otis)? Cartwright** & died leaving no children.

VII. **Clementine Gleaves** - married a Mr. **McClung** in Ft. Worth, Tex. Died there 1924 – no children

VIII. **Michael Henry Gleaves**₅ left Tennessee in 1878 for Texas - none of his family ever saw him again except the writer...who found him in Palestine, Tex. in 1884. He died in 1886 leaving no descendants.⁵⁰

(A) **EDGAR LEE GLEAVES** (the writer), born 12/4/1866, son of **WILLIAM MICHAEL GLEAVES**₄, graduated in medicine from the Univ. of Nashville⁵¹ in 1898. He married **Ella B. Trotter** of Erin, Tennessee Oct. 15, 1889. He practices his profession in Davidson, Sumner and Robertson Counties in Middle Tennessee. Of this union, 6 children were born: 5 sons and 1 daughter. The eldest, **Edgar Bratton Gleaves** died in his 4th year, and the next, a daughter died in infancy. 4 sons are living:

Richard D. Gleaves born 5/17/1893

Harry Proctor Gleaves⁵², born 1895

Roy Lee Gleaves, born 1897

Russell Woodson Gleaves, born 1900

Richard Douglas Gleaves, born 1893, graduated from Nashville City Public School (Caldwell) and Hume Fogg Hi School (1912) and from Vanderbilt University, with a bachelor's degree in 1917; then entered World War in the Air Corps, was made a 2nd Lt. Served in France in 89th Aero? Squadron. After returning, he re-entered the Vanderbilt Law School, winning the Founder's Medal in Oratory; and then graduated from the Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn. In 1922; was elected to the Tennessee House of Rep. from Davidson County, in 1925 and again in 1927; served 2 years as Asst. Atty. General of Davidson County and 3 years as Asst. City Atty., and is now practicing Law in Nashville. He married Miss **Carolyn Jones** of Nashville in 1928. They have 1 son, **Richard D. Gleaves, Jr.** born May 8, 1929 and 1 daughter, **Carolyn Irene Gleaves**, born 12/19/1932. The son married **Molly Mathison** of Columbia, Tennessee in 1951 and they have 1 child, **Richard D. Gleaves, III**, age 1 year. The daughter, **Carolyn Irene Gleaves**, is in her 3rd year in the Art School of Alabama at Auburn, Ala.

Harry Proctor Gleaves, born 1895, married a Miss **Marguerite Carroll** of Nashville and has 1 daughter, _____con?. They live in Nashville.

Roy Lee Gleaves, born 1897, married a Miss **Ruby Anderson**, who died, leaving 1 daughter, **Eleanor Ruby Gleaves**. **Roy Gleaves** then married **Marge Richard**. He died in 1945.

Russell Woodson Gleaves born 1900, married a Miss **Pinkie Berlin** and they have no children. He and **Rector Gleaves** are merchants in Nashville.

(B) **WALTER MORTON GLEAVES**, son of **William Michael Gleaves**₄, born 1869, married and wife died leaving an adopted daughter, **Nellie**. He lives in Chattanooga.

(C) **WARNER SETTLE GLEAVES**, born 1871, lives in Jackson, Tennessee where he operates the Madison Mattress Company; married Miss **Lilly Jordan** of Nashville, has 2 sons and 3 daughters.

⁴⁹ GLEAVES: Felix McKay; HHB: has him listed as Felix M.??

⁵⁰ HHB: 1850 census listed **James A.** (age 17) & **John E.** - born 1844 – both thought to have died at very early age. These were the children of **MIKE GLEAVES (Michael H.)**₃ (1834-1911) (son of **Michael Gleaves**₃ & **Mary A. D. Gleaves**) ASH: The children HHB refers to are James Augustus Gleaves and James Ervin Gleaves who are children of Michael H. Gleaves₃ & Mary A. D. Gleaves

⁵¹ ASH: educational institution that existed as a distinct entity from 1826 until 1909. During its history, it operated at various times a medical school, a four year military college, a literary arts (liberal arts) college, and a boys preparatory school.

⁵² Mostly commonly referred to as Harry Rector Gleaves

Eldest daughter, **Maymie**, married **William Northern**, a railroad official. They had 1 son, **William Northern, Jr.** who attended Vanderbilt. After graduating from Duncan Preparatory School, joined the U. S. Air Force, graduated as a pilot, was commissioned 2nd Lt. and was killed in a mid-air collision over San Francisco Bay in 1941, 1 week after Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese, starting World War II. Northern Air Field at Tullahoma, Tennessee was named in his honor. The parents live in Nashville. Son, **Clifton Gleaves**, lives in Jackson, Tennessee, operates his mother's business, is married and has 1 son, **Clifton Warner Gleaves, Jr.** born 1911. Was engaged for several years in the motion picture business. He died in 1938, leaving no heirs. He was not married. The other two daughters live in Jackson, Tennessee

(D) **ADDIE DEAN GLEAVES**, born 1875, married a Mr. **Reece Cummins** of Ft. Forth, Texas. She died recently leaving no children.

(E) **MARY D. GLEAVES**, born 1877, d. 1896, unmarried.

(F) **WILLIAM E. GLEAVES**, born 1880, married a 2nd cousin, Miss **Nan Sarver**. She died leaving 1 son and 1 daughter, both of whom live in Athens, Ala. The daughter, **Lucille Gleaves**, is unmarried and has been with the Ala. Highway Dept. for several years. **William Gleaves**, a veteran of the Spanish-American War in Cuba and of World War I, died and is buried in the National Cemetery in Nashville (died 1931).

(G) **SALLIE GLEAVES**, born 1883, married **Rudolph Castleman** (or Bootleman) of Nashville. They now live in Pomona, Calif. after living for years in Salt Lake City. They have 3 children: **Kennon, Bessie & Dorothy**.

Letter written 1925 by J. Miller Turner. Changes were made in 1932 and 1952.

James T. Gleaves Letter

Another letter came to my attention (perhaps thru the descendants of **Clyde M. Gleaves**)... from Mr. **James T. 'Jim T.' Gleaves** - (written when he was 88 years of age).

As a child and young girl⁵³, I knew '**JIM T.**' as he was affectionately known in the Hermitage, Tennessee Community. Little did I know he was related to me. But I might have known he was, as so many people in the community were related to my father's or my mother's people...and the fact my mother called all the Gleaves 'cuzzins'. My great-grandmother was **Martha Ann Virginia Gleaves Jenkins**, daughter of **James Robertson Gleaves**. Jim T's father was **Robert Hughes Gleaves**, Martha Ann's brother (also a son of **James Robertson Gleaves**). Much of the land my father owned and farmed was purchased from Gleaves families or heirs.

LETTER

Sept. 28, 1933

TO: Mr. **Clyde M. Gleaves**⁵⁴
FROM: **James T. Gleaves**⁵⁵

Dear Clyde:

As per your request thru Bennie Bright, I will try to write you up a 'Family Tree', as best I can. I may make some errors, as my memory has become somewhat treacherous. I am not able to tell you much about the BROOKS family, your maternal ancestors. As I remember, your grandfather, Mose Brooks, Sr. had 2 sons, James and Joe Brooks, and I think, 3 daughters, Mollie Creel, John Lloyd's wife, whose given name I have forgotten, and Alice, your mother.

Regarding the GLEAVES family, I will state that your great-great-grandfather, **Thomas Gleaves**, was married in the year 1785⁵⁶ to a daughter of **Felix Robertson**, who was a brother of **James Robertson**, the founder of Nashville, Tennessee. **Felix Robertson** was a lawyer, statesman and philanthropist, a great and noted man.

THOMAS GLEAVES₁ raised 5 boys⁵⁷:

1. **William B. Gleaves**
2. **James Robertson**, your grandfather⁵⁸
3. **John Gleaves**
4. **Felix Gleaves**
5. **Max Gleaves**⁵⁹
6. **Frank Gleaves**

⁵³ Hilda H. Hagar Barnes

⁵⁴ born 1880 – died 1962

⁵⁵ born 1845 – died 1945

⁵⁶ HHB: **Thomas** m. **Sallie Smith** in 1797. Is it possible he was married twice? Or was Sallie first a Robertson and first married to a SMITH...then later married Thomas Gleaves? Or is this letter-writer confused on dates? Thomas did name a son, **James Robertson Gleaves**!!! Has any one found a marriage record of 1785 to a "Miss Robertson? Note also that Thomas' father, **William B.**, married in May 1770....and **Thomas** was born in March 1771... In 1785 he would have been only 14! Therefore a marriage as early as 1785 is improbable).

⁵⁷ HHB: correction: it was 6. **William B.** was omitted by Jim T.

⁵⁸ HHB: cor: Great Grandfather

⁵⁹ HHB: no record of "Max" Gleaves - but there is a record of a son, **Americus D. Gleaves**

JAMES R. GLEAVES raised 6 sons:

1. **Thomas W.**
2. **Robert Hughes**
3. **John Robertson**
4. **Edmon F.**
5. **Carrol**
6. **James Franklin**

He raised 6 daughters:

1. **Tennessee**, who married Major **J. Haralson**
2. **Martha Virginia**, who married **Thomas Jenkins**
3. **Elizabeth Alabama**, who married **Charles Tyler Jenkins**
4. **Sarah Catherine Louisiana**, married **Dirk R. Humble**
5. **Missouri Jane**, who also married the said **Humble** after the death of **Louisiana**
6. **Caldonia Indiana**, married **Francis M.(Doc) Clements**⁶⁰

THOMAS W. GLEAVES was born Dec. 30, 1823. He married **Sallie Owen** and raised 3 sons,

1. **John Thomas**
2. **Peter**
3. **James.**

He raised 7 daughters,

1. **Elizabeth**
2. **Mary**
3. **Leona**
4. **Paiss or Priss(?)**
5. **Fannie**
6. **Cornelia**
7. **Missi?**

ROBERT HUGHES GLEAVES, your grandfather, was born Feb. 12, 1825 and April 1844, he was married to **Mary Baker**, my Mother, and your maternal grandmother. The fruits of this union was 2 sons,

1. **James Thomas Gleaves**⁶¹, born Aug. 2, 1845, the first grandchild born in the family of James R. Gleaves,
2. **Robert Graves Gleaves**, your father born Jan. 10, 1852, and **Anna Retta Gleaves** was born Sept. 9, 1847.

JOHN ROBERTSON GLEAVES born Feb. 24, 1826 and in 1845 married to **Adline Jackson**.

The fruit, 2 sons **Jackson Monroe Gleaves** and **John Taylor Gleaves**. Monroe born May 28, 1846, John Taylor born Nov. 14, 1848.

There were 2 daughters: **Cordelia** and **Nancy F.** Cordelia born 1851; Nancy in 1853.

The said **John R. Gleaves** was afterward three times married.

His 2nd wife was **Mackie Ligon**, had 1 son.

His 3rd wife, **Elizabeth McSpedden**, 5 sons:

1. **Willie,**
2. **Thomas,**
3. **Sam K.,**
4. **Lonnie' and**

⁶⁰ HHB: added

⁶¹ the writer of letter

5. Ollie
& 2 daughters.
His 4th wife, never knew.

EDMON F. GLEAVES born Nov. 9, 1827. In 1853 he was married to **Rinie Ann Coppage**, fruit: 5 boys and 5 girls, all now dead.

WILLIAM CARROL GLEAVES born Jan. 7, 1828. Married **Delilah Baker**. Fruits:
1 son, **William E.**,
2 daughters, **Ann Eliza** and **Malissa Jane**, both dead.

TENNESSEE GLEAVES born March 4, 1830, married Major **J. Haralson**, fruits: 4 sons, all dead but the younger, **Willie**.

MARTHA VIRGINIA GLEAVES born Oct. 15, 1832, married **Thomas Jenkins** 1852. Fruits: 6 sons and 3 daughters⁶², all scattered, not able to tell more about them.

MISSOURI JANE GLEAVES born Feb. 13, 1834. Married **D. R. Humble** - 2 children.

ELIZABETH ALABAMA GLEAVES born Dec. 8, 1835, married **Charles F. Jenkins**.⁶³ Fruits: 2 sons, **George & Sam**, latter dead.

JAMES FRANKLIN GLEAVES born March 17, 1838. Married **Mary A. Baker**, cousin to my mother and your grandmother. Fruits: 2 sons, **James Monroe** and **Nathaniel Gleaves**. The last named is dead.

CALDONIA INDIANA GLEAVES born Dec. 7, 1840. Married **F. M. (Dock) Clements**. Fruit: 1 daughter, now dead.

SARAH CATHERINE LOUISIANA GLEAVES born Jan. 8, 1845. Married **D. R. Humble**. Fruit: 1 daughter, now dead.

I will now tell you something of the **BAKER** side of your ancestry, which I think will interest you. **James Baker**, my grandfather, (your great grandfather) was born in North Carolina, Dec. 10, 1788 and died in the 4th District of Davidson County, Tenn, Nov. 7, 1866. He married **Annie Sanders**, who was born in South Carolina, May 7, 1792 and died in Davidson County, Tennessee, Nov. 27, 1890.

James (Baker) while a young man, bought a mule of some one who lived in S. C. The said mule broke out of the pasture and made his way back to the place of his nativity. James made a trip down there on hunt of his mule. While in S. C. he stopped one night with a Mr. Sanders, who had an attractive daughter named Annie. He fell desperately in love with said Annie and subsequently married her. They decided to come to Tennessee, which was then a new country.

They had a little money, but not enough to buy another horse to go with the one they had, so granddaddy 'hoofed it', his wife riding the horse, all the way from S. C. to Nashville, Tennessee They landed in Nashville with only \$40 and the horse. They rented a farm near what is known as Flat Rock, on the Murfreesboro Pike, not very far from what is now Antioch. The farm was a very fertile one, but had no house on it except a little log cabin with no floor - the whole earth was the only floor. They drove forks in the ground, put poles in the forks, and in cracks of the walls, thus making bed stead on

⁶² HHB: correction: 4 daughters

⁶³ HHB: correction: **Chas. Tyler Jenkins**

which they put straw for a mattress. They had 1 stew pot, and a skillet, which constituted their cooking vessels. Having no plates, they both ate from the cooking vessels, with only a pocket knife and a wooden fork.

The old man made bumper crop that year and in a few years made money and bought the farm. Subsequently he swapped this farm for the one on Stones River, where he lived the balance of his days. In swapping farms, he received a pony and a silk bandana handkerchief to boot. The handkerchief was about 30 inches square, and in those days considered valuable, worth some \$20 to \$25.

They raised 11 children, 3 sons and 8 daughters:

1. **William D. Baker**, born 1812
2. **Jefferson Baker** born 1814 (died while a young man-never married).
3. **Rose Anna** born 1816
4. **Francis 'Frank'** born 1818
5. **Sarah**, married Bill Ballentine, born 1820
6. **Nancy**, married John R. Evans, born 1822
7. **Susan**, born 1824. Died before grown
8. **Mary T.** (my mother) born June 15, 1826
9. **Elizabeth**, born 1828, married John E. Wright
10. **Emily**, born 1829, died before grown
11. **Delilah**, born 1831, married **William C. Gleaves**.

These have all passed away.

William D. Baker reared 8 children, all dead except **Howell**, who resides at Watertown, Tennessee. He is the father of **Robert H. Baker**, who was Highway commissioner under Horton's administration. He has 1 daughter in Mt. Juliet, the wife of Bro. **Howard McFarlin**. Each of grandfather Baker's children raised families, but most of them are dead.

Uncle Billie, as I above stated, has 1 living child, Howell Baker.

Jefferson never married.

Aunt Rose Anna had 4 sons, all dead but one. And 2 daughters, both dead.

Uncle Frank has 5 boys, all dead. 6 girls - all dead but 1. **Charity**, now 91 years old.

Aunt Nancy Evans had 1 son and 6 girls - 3 girls are living.

Aunt **Sarah Ballentine** had 2 girls and 5 boys - all dead.

Mary my mother, 1 girl and 2 sons., I the only living one.

Aunt **Lizzie Wright** had 1 son and 2 girls. One girl living.

Aunt **Delilah Gleaves**, 3 girls and 1 son - The son still lives.

I believe this is about all that is necessary for me to say. If I have left out any point that you would like to have, write me, and if possible I will attend to it.

I might add that Old Grandfather Baker had 3 brothers who followed him to Tennessee viz:

William, Hiram and **John**. **William** and **John** did well - raised families and accumulated nice property. **Hiram** did no good and died a pauper. Uncle **John** was killed by Federal Soldiers during the Civil War - while guarding his watermelon patch. I might also tell you that both my grandfather and grandmother (Bakers) met tragic deaths. The old man was fox hunting, he went through a gate, his stirrup caught on the latch, the horse jumped, broke the girth and threw him, which subsequently resulted in death. Grandmother stepped on a corn cob which rolled and threw her against stair steps, which afterwards resulted in death. You will note that Granddaddy Baker died age 77 yrs. 6 mo. and 22 days. Grandmother Baker died aged 98 years, 6 months and 29 days.

DEAR CLYDE:

In writing about the Gleaves Family, I forgot to tell you that **James R. Gleaves**, my grandfather, had 2 sisters, ⁶⁴ **Emiline** and **Elizabeth**.

Emiline married old man **Jimmie Wright**, who owned and lived on a farm just west of your grandfather Brooks. She had no children.

Elizabeth⁶⁵ married a Mr. **Hill** and moved to Arkansas. She had 2 sons, **William** and **Felix**, one daughter **Minervia**, who married **Filander Owen**, and raised 2 sons and two daughters.

Grandmother Baker had 2 sisters who came West after grandfather & wife came. One of her sisters, **Nancy**, married **Hiram Baker**, a brother of Grandfather Baker. The other sister, whose name I have forgotten, married some man in Huntsville, Ala. I have forgotten his name. Grandmother & Grandfather used to make a trip on horseback once in a while to Huntsville to visit her sister. These trips were made before her family grew to be so large.

How would it look now to see a woman start out horseback on such a trip? People would pronounce her crazy.

James T. Gleaves

Sept. 28/ '33⁶⁶

Written in pen and ink: **Clyde Merwin Gleaves** 1880-1962

my husband: **Robert Merwin Gleaves** 1903-196_ full date did not copy

Our sons: Bob N. Gleaves - 1934 & Joe Clyde Gleaves - 1937

END OF LETTER FROM JAMES T. GLEAVES

⁶⁴ HHB comment: another sister, **Nancy Ann** married **Pierce W. Cherry**

⁶⁵ HHB comment: Davidson County Census of 1850 shows **Robert Hill & Elizabeth Gleaves** with 3 sons (**Robert, Felix, & Thomas**) and 3 daughters: **Mary, Sarah & Nancy**)

⁶⁶ 1933

Gleaves Family Explained

How is the Michael Gleaves family related to 'other' Gleaves families in Davidson County, Tennessee?

It is known for a certainty that one **Thomas Gleaves** came into Davidson County from Virginia in 1797 (married **Sallie Smith**). He was the son of **William B. Gleaves** (born abt. 1748) & **Elizabeth Turk Gleaves** of Wythe County, Virginia.

The following *may be* the ancestry of both **William B. Gleaves** (born 1740/48) & **Michael Gleaves₁**:

Generations								For Thomas Gleaves Family	
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th		
I. Thomas Gleaves ⁶⁷								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born late 1690 to 1705 England/Wales • Baptized Jan 23, 1680-81 • Died 1740 • Buried Jun 22, 1740 • His will of 1740 mentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas • John (under age 21) • Mathew (under 21) • Joseph 	
Children of Thomas Gleaves									
		(1) Thomas Gleaves						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptized Nov 16, 1720 	
		(2) Joseph Gleaves						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 5, 1724-25 	
		(3) Mathew Gleaves₁						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born by 1724 (see below) • Married Esther Mitchell by 1745 • Died probably in 1760s, but at least by 1771 • Died in England 	
	Sp:	Esther Mitchell						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born ca 1720 • May have married a Raferty & Woolman after the death of Mathew • Died after 1808 	
Children of Matthew Gleaves₁ & Esther Mitchell:									
		(A) Mary/Margaret Groves/Gleaves						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Jun 12, 1746 • Married Thomas Turk, Sr. Apr 1, 1766; 2nd wife • Died Mar 2, 1835 	
		(B) William Benjamin Gleaves						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born 1740⁶⁸-48 • Married Elizabeth Turk May 1, 1770 Augusta County, Virginia • Died May 2, 1820 Wythe County, Virginia 	
		(C) Elizabeth Gleaves						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born ca 1753 • Died after 1772⁶⁹ 	
		(D) Michael Gleaves₁						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born ca 1754 • Married Rachel by 1788 	

⁶⁷ This Thomas has not been assigned a number - as accuracy of information has not been verified

⁶⁸ D.A.R. has changed their record to show he was born **1740**.

⁶⁹ per Dennis Glaves

Generations								For Thomas Gleaves Family	
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th		
								• Died 1811	
		(E) Esther Gleaves						• Born ca 1756 • Died after 1772 ⁷⁰	
		(F) Mathew Gleaves₂						• Born ca 1757 • Married before 1811 • Died 1800 ⁷¹	
	(4) John Gleaves							• Baptized Mar 13, 1734-35	

Several researchers have been actively looking for answers to the Gleaves Heritage. There are variations in some of their findings.

June Novick⁷² shows dates of birth of above as:

Matthew₁: born about 1710; d. abt. 1760

(wife, **Esther Mitchell** born abt. 1720; died abt. 1808)

Mary: born Jun 12, 1746

William B.: born about 1748; died May 1820, Wythe County, Virginia.

Matthew₂: born about 1750; died abt. 1771 (see below)

Esther: born about 1754

Elizabeth: born about 1758

Michael₁: born about 1760; married abt. 1788; died about 1814⁷³

Chalkey II, page 400 'Fee book of 1760'. **William Gleaves** states in Bill of Complaint that his father died in 1760; **William** was appointed guardian for **Esther Gleaves**, orphan of **Matthew**, dec. (Chalkey I, page 163)⁷⁴

Chalkey I, page 402: ' **Matthew**⁷⁵ apprenticed to **John Finley** Jan. 24, 1775'⁷⁶

Note from ? - ' **Matthew Gleaves**⁷⁷ assigns **John Marley**, a servant from Ireland on the (ship) Snow George - to serve 4 yrs. from Sept. 22 – Date Oct. 9, 1745'

BY HILDA H. BARNES: My thinking at present :

1. **William (B.) Gleaves** was a son of **Matthew₁ & Esther** (and a grandson of **THOMAS**). William died in Virginia in 1820. **THREE** of his sons, **THOMAS₁** (born March 18, 1771); **MATTHEW₃** (born Nov. 9, 1772) and **ABSALOM** (born Sept. 5, 1781) came to Tennessee & settled in the Hermitage, Tennessee area - not too many miles from the Jones' Bend where their **UNCLE, Michael₁** had already settled (all in Davidson County). Brothers **Thomas₁** and **Absalom** were prominent in the Hermitage area, settling around what is known in 2004 as the Central Pike – Old Hickory Blvd. area. (The other 2 sons, **William**, (born 1777- died before 1820) and **James Turk Gleaves** (born 1788) did

⁷⁰ per Dennis Glaves

⁷¹ per Dennis Glaves

⁷² June Novick, 3670 S. W. 150 Loop, Ocala, Fla. 34473

⁷³ died by 1811 – See Davidson County Will Book 3 & 4, page 155

⁷⁴ HHB: **William B. Gleaves** born ca 1748 would have been only 12....a different William...?? Or...was William B. born earlier than 1748?

⁷⁵ Matthew, son of Matthew

⁷⁶ HHB: this means he did **NOT** die in 1771 as some have indicated

⁷⁷ HHB: must be **Matthew₁** 1720 – 1740

not move to Tennessee. It is known that **Thomas₁** (born March 18, 1771) married in Davidson County, on March 13, 1797 and his brother **Absalom** married in Wythe County, Virginia, Aug. 18, 1803.

NOTE : **William (B.) Gleaves** (born 1740-48)⁷⁸ gave two of his sons the names of: **THOMAS₁** (born March 18, 1771) and **MATTHEW₃** (born Nov. 9, 1772 and died in Davidson County, Tennessee abt. Jan. 1805).

2. **Michael Gleaves₁** –also a son of **Matthew₁ & Esther** and William (B's) brother - born ca 1760(?) came to Tennessee-PERHAPS as early as 1788 –settling in Jones' Bend - died in Davidson County, in 1811.

NOTE : **Michael Gleaves₁** also named two of his sons **THOMAS₂** (born ca 1789) and **MATTHEW₄** (born abt. 1793 and married at the time of his father's will in 1811).

This is an example of 2 brothers - giving their sons the names of their grandfather & great-grandfather. What difference could it make if they had similar names? **William** lived in Virginia and **Michael₁** in Tennessee. There was probably little communication. And the children would probably never know each other – living so far away. How wrong they were!! These 'cousins' spent the greater part of their lives in the same general area.

There is little doubt in my mind of the relationship of the first **Matthew₁** (1725); the first **Michael₁** (1754); the first **Thomas₁** (1771), - to the first William(1748). Quite a bit of information has been assembled on **William's** line thru his sons **Thomas₁**, **Matthew₃** and **Absalom**. Only the first generation of the families of **William, Jr.** (Sept. 22, 1777) and **James Turk Gleaves** (Feb. 26, 1788) has been assembled.

An attempt will be made to outline my accumulation of Gleaves information. If I infringe upon information from Dennis Glaves or others, I will attempt to credit them.

⁷⁸ **William B.** stayed in Wythe County, Virginia. and died there May 2, 1820